



**MINUTES FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 372
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Monday, October 25, 2010

10:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by President Becerra-Jones at 10:05 a.m.

Present: President Becerra-Jones, Treasurer Gravely, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Duba and Commissioner Shevlin

Excused: Vice President Tanberg and Commissioner Pinedo

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- 1.** Approval of Minutes from the meeting of September 13, 2010. (10-2572)

On motion of Commissioner Duba, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - President Becerra-Jones, Treasurer Gravely, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Gallegos, Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Duba and Commissioner Shevlin

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Creary

Attachments: [Supporting Document](#)

II. REPORTS

2. President's Report of activities from the Month of September 2010. (10-2573)

President Becerra-Jones presented a verbal report of the September and October activities. In working on our Community projects and collaborating with the Office of Women's Health for this year on Health in general in Los Angeles County. The Executive Committee met to have a mid-fiscal year retreat in December after the regular meeting to go over the Committee activities, projects, familiarize everyone on what the Commission as a whole has for its goal this upcoming year and identify how we can indentify more support for our Women of the Year Luncheon as this is one of our major events to raise funds for the Commission. The Committee also met with the Junior League to organize an "Appointments to Boards and Commissions Institute" asking the Committee to participate in a panel to be held in April. A follow-up conference call will be made with the Committee. Lastly, a reminder was given to all Committee Chairs to have their Committee meetings if they have not done so already and to report to the Commission.

This Report was received and filed.

3. Monthly report on expendable activity for the months of July and August 2010. (Continued from the meeting of September 13, 2010) (10-2574)

Rhonda Rangel submitted the monthly expendable activity reports of July and August. A copy of the 2010-2011 Proposed Trust Fund Budget was included in her report as reference for the Commissioners. After discussion, this Report was received and filed

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4. Monthly report on expendable activity for the month of September 2010. (10-2575)

Rhonda Rangel submitted the monthly expendable activity report of September. A copy of the 2010-2011 Proposed Trust Fund Budget was included in her report as reference for the Commissioners. After discussion, this report was received and filed.

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5. Report on the County State Legislative Agenda. (10-2576)

Commissioner Lesser received legislation information through email correspondence and will be sending out to each Committee information to assist them to effectively influence legislation regarding Women. President Becerra Jones will send out information to all Commissioners interested in taking a two hour training class with the County State Legislative Department. She will email that information to all Commissioners from the Department with details.

Commissioner Shevlin also addressed the Commission.

After discussion the verbal report was received and filed.

6. Various update reports submitted by the Run/Walk, Health, Communications, Legislation, Domestic Violence, Education, and Older Women's Issues. (10-2577)

Commissioners Duba and Lesser gave a brief overview of the Run/Walk Committee wrap-up meeting right after today's regular meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to go over the event and look at recommendations for the upcoming year and to highlight supporters of the event. A complete report will be submitted at the November regular meeting.

The Health Committee has not met. Commissioner Creary Co-Chair for the Health Committee has been to several Health meetings and developed 10 Health Tips for individual use and emphasized the importance in the change of techniques for CPR.

After discussion, past Health Committee Chair, Commissioner Lesser provided brief update on how the Committee was able to provide to senior women information on exercise at different levels of ability with the help of Health Committee member, Antonia Route demonstrations were made available.

The item was tabled for further discussion.

Later in the meeting, Genevieve Clavreul was called to speak before the Commission but was not available. Members of the Commission addressed their concerns of Genevieve Clavreul not being able to speak. Commissioner Ward requested a follow-up of their concerns from by the President. President Bacerra-Jones will report back at the November meeting.

The Communications Committee has not met. Chair, Tanberg will be on a leave of absence. Rhonda Rangel will contact County Counsel and report back to the Commission at the November meeting as to how to proceed with the Committee issues when the Chair is on a Leave of Absence from the Commission.

Additionally, Commissioner Creary requested clarification if a Vice Chair of a Committee had to be a Member of the Commission and how attendance is reflected on the minutes. Rhonda Rangel, Commission staff responded by noting a Commissioner will be shown as "Unexcused Absent" when staff is not notified of their absence prior to the meeting. Otherwise, a Commissioner will just be shown as "Absent". Commissioner Duba clarified the Vice Chair of a Committee must be a member of the Commission.

Commissioner Gallegos reported the Domestic Violence Committee met with the Domestic Violence Shelter Directors on September 14, 2010 and looked at different ways to raise funds for the Domestic Violence shelters. One aspect brought at the meeting was to work with the shelters and have some kind of luncheon event. The Committee still has to meet with Fourth District to see about using County a facility for a venue. The Committee will report back as more information is made available.

Commissioner Ward reported that the Older Women's Issues Committee consists of only her and Pat Wilson. She attend the California Endowment "Women's Health Policy Summit with Commissioner Rodriguez and Lesser. She reminded everyone to try and attend the 3rd District Community Meeting to be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the Valley Presbyterian Hospital. This meeting will include a panel on successful aging. There is a parking fee of \$2.00 for each attendee. This will integrate the Committee goals for the Fall and into the Spring.

Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon report the Women of the Year Committee met. There was some confusion with the meeting location and therefore, Commissioner Creary was not able to attend. The Committee met on October 20, 2010 and resolved the venue location to be at the Biltmore Hotel on March 14, 2010 with the theme being "Women's Voices, Women's Accomplishments". There were basic changes made on the Nomination form and letters and that is why the deadline for nominations is November 29, 2010. The Mistress of Ceremonies was also finalized and it will be Asha Dusbabek who was a former news anchor for the 6 a.m. KTLA News. Nominations will be reviewed and there will be a teleconference meeting prior to submitting a list of awardees for the December 13, 2010 Commission meeting. There will not be a silent auction this year as it really has not been well received the past few years. Lastly, she will be speaking with the Choir Director at Marlborough School to see about having the Chamber Choir sing the National Anthem and/or sing a short song to start the luncheon.

The Education Committee does not have a Chair at this time. President Becerra Jones requested if there was anyone interested to Chair this Committee, to please contact her. The various verbal reports were received and filed.

7. Community Outreach and Announcements to be submitted by Commission members. (10-2578)

Commissioner Ward attended the Phenomenal Women event at the University of California in Northridge that recognized individuals that have made contributions in Art, Education, etc.

No action was taken by the Commission.

III. PRESENTATIONS / SET MATTERS

8. 10:30 A.M.

Presentation from Annie McNutt, Julia Moser, Hannah Cook, Elyse Samuels and Nadia Hopper on the Marlborough School Charitable Fund. (10-2580)

Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon introduced students Annie McNutt, Julia Moser, Hannah Cook, Elyse Samuels and Nadia Hopper who were members of the Marlborough School Charitable Fund. The students

explained how Marlborough School Charitable Fund operates and how people can apply for grants from the Fund and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

No action was taken by the Commission.

9. 10:45 A.M.

Presentation from the Rossana D'Antonio, Public Works Women's Leadership Council on the Women's Leadership Legacy Conference on November 4, 2010. (10-2581)

Ms. D'Antonio with Cevita Sheik and Christie Smith presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Works Women's Leadership Council and invited the Commission to attend the Women's Leadership Legacy Conference to be held on November 4, 2010 at the Diamond Bar Conference Center.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

10. 11:00 A.M.

Presentation from Raquel Beltran and Lola Ungar on the activities of the League of Women Voters. (10-2582)

Lola Ungar, Media Past President and advocate for the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County gave an overview of the League that is nonpartisan and assists women carryout their responsibilities as voters. Today trust in the League allows its members to continue to influence in public policy.

Raquel Beltran, Executive Director and David Holtzman, President of the Los Angeles City League of Women Voters presented some of the tools available for use to voters and the Commission to assist in the education to voters so that they can make informed decisions. The league also offers to services to manage elections like the Los Angeles City Unified School District. Commissioners were referred to the SmartVoter.org website for more information.

Raguel Beltran and David Holtzman also responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

11. 11:15 A.M.

Presentation from Kathy Moore, MSW, Associate Director, CA Partnership to End Domestic Violence, update on current and future activities. (10-2583)

Ms. Moore gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current and future activities of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence. She emphasized on the agency's public policy, systems change and their Strategic direction. Ms. Moore invited Commission members to attend their meeting and participate in its public policy and systems change efforts and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Rhonda Rangel will email her PowerPoint presentation to all Commissioners for reference.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

IV. DISCUSSIONS

- 12.** Approval of the *Guest Presentation Form* currently used by the Commission as revised to include recommendations given by Commission members at the meeting of September 13, 2010. (10-2584)

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Ward, a friendly amendment was made to remove all wording of finance.

After further discussion, on motion of President Becerra-Jones and by Common Consent, there being no objections, the item was continued to the meeting of November 8, 2010 with a report back from Commissioner Gallegos.

Attachments: [Supporting Document](#)

- 13.** Approval and discussion to donate \$346 from the Presidents Fund and \$500 from the 4th District Commissioner Event Fund to the Office of Women's Health for their Two Community Dialogues held on October 5, 2010 (10-2585)

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Creary, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - President Becerra-Jones, Treasurer Gravely, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon, Commissioner Lesser, Commissioner Duba and Commissioner Shevlin

Noes: 1 - Commissioner Gallegos

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14. Approval to make a donation, from the Presidents Fund, to Diana Velasquez and Kimberly Franklin, past scholarship recipients, for speaking at the Commission meeting held on September 13, 2010 in the amount of \$100 each. (10-2586)

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - President Becerra-Jones, Treasurer Gravely, Commissioner Rodriguez, Commissioner Creary, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner McCarthy Napoleon, Commissioner Lesser and Commissioner Shevlin

Noes: 1 - Commissioner Gallegos

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Duba

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

15. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and placed for discussion/action at a future Commission meeting.
- 15A. Request as submitted by President Becerra-Jones: Presentation by the American Diabetes on the ways to prevent diabetes and provide overall well-being in Los Angeles County.
- 15B. Request as submitted by President Becerra-Jones: Report by the US Department of Labor – Women’s Bureau on the White House Council of Economic Advisors entitled “Work-life Balance and the Economics of Workplace Flexibility”.
- 15C. Request as submitted by President Becerra-Jones: Report by Commissioners Rodriguez and Lesser on the Office of Women’s Health luncheon meeting on the Two Community Dialogues held October 5, 2010.
- 15D. Request as submitted by the Commission as a whole: Update report by Run/Walk Committee of 2010 Run for Health Event submitted.

- 15E. Request as submitted by Commission Ward: Follow-up by President Becerra-Jones on concerns addressed by Commissioners regarding public comment on an item.

Public Comment

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission Board on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Rose Borja addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, and by common consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM in the memory of W.T. Hall, father of Commissioner Wadie Gravely.